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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FIRE AT ORLY AIR TERMINAL

1. FIRE BROKE OUT AT MAIN TERMINAL (ORLY-SUD) AT ORLY AIRPORT
MID-AFTERNOON DEC. 3, REQUIRING COMPLETE EVACUATION OF TERMINAL
BUILDING AND SUSPENSION OF ALL FLIGHT HANDLING. FIRE OCCURRED
IN ONE OF THE TWO ELECTRICAL SUB-STATIONS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE
TERMINAL, AND THICK BLACK SMOKE WAS QUICKLY FANNED THROUGHOUT
ENTIRE BUILDING. IN EARLY EVENING PRESS REPORTED BOOKSTORE
AT END OF MAIN LOBBY WAS IN FLAMES.

2. FLIGHTS THAT WERE NOT CANCELLED APPARENTLY MOVED TO ORLY-OUEST
TERMINAL. AIR FRANCE IS MOVING ALL ITS OPERATIONS TO ORLY-OUEST
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BEGINNING THIS EVENING.

3. PANAM FLIGHTS WERE NOT AFFECTED SINCE THEY HAD DEPARTED PRIOR OUTBREAK OF FIRE. HOWEVER, PANAM INFORMS US THEY TOO EXPECT TO BE OPERATING FROM ORLY-OUEST BEGINNING DEC. 4 UNTIL ORLY-SUD CAN BE PLACED BACK IN SERVICE.

4. ORLY-OUEST TERMINAL FACILITIES ARE LIKELY TO BE SEVERELY STRAINED DUE NEED ALSO NOW HANDLE THOSE FLIGHTS NORMALLY USING ORLY-SUD TERMINAL. AS A CONSEQUENCE, TRAVELERS ARRIVING OR TRANSITING ORLY ARE WARNED TO EXPECT SOME CONGESTION AND DELAY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ORLY-SUD TERMINAL IS BACK IN OPERATION. IRWIN

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